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A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BEGUN TO PROMOTE A STUDENT DEVELOPMENT TRANSCRIPT PROGRAM

Tom Cosgrove, associate dean of students at the University of San Diego, is heading a national campaign to promote a Student Development Transcript Program.

Cosgrove got USD in on the ground floor of this program in 1982, when he conducted a pilot study to evaluate students participation in a mentoring/transcript process.

The results from this study, which Cosgrove presented last March at the Association of College Union-International national convention, proved that the program worked. Students that participated in the program were more positive in the areas of goal setting, decision making and problem solving. A more positive attitude toward the university and more involvement in activities at the university were also apparent.

The National Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Cosgrove, has sent out an evaluation survey to all colleges and universities that are involved in a Student Development Transcript Program. This survey will help to expand the information at the Co-curricular Transcript Library, making the ideas behind a Student Development Transcript Program more accessible to all colleges and universities.

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When the Student Development Transcript Program was conceived by Robert Brown at the University of Nebraska, there were three main elements.

1. Assessment process which presents the areas the student is interested in developing.
2. Mentoring component in which a volunteer (faculty, administration, or senior student), acts as a guide to present the areas, other than academic, that are available in college life.
3. A transcript which is a record of all activities the student has been involved in throughout his/her college career.

After three years, the program is still available at USD, offering freshmen students the opportunity to become more aware of their choices in academic and non-academic activities. The senior students, who serve as mentors for the program, also gain a positive experience.

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